

CHURCH ON THE CAPE
United Methodist Church
The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 8, 2026
Rev. Greg Smith



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*those who are able, please stand to worship

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistive devices are available,
please ask an usher.*

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Ethel and Melville Freeman, by Cynthia Nickel.
- Thank you Cynthia Nickel for hosting Coffee Hour.

PRELUDE

“A Hiding Place” – James Southbridge

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's commandments!

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: The generation of the upright will be blessed;

People: Their goodness will endure forever.

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

People: They are gracious, merciful and good.

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

People: Who conduct their affairs with justice.

Leader: For the righteous will never be moved,

People: they will be remembered forever.

Leader: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;

People: their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

Leader: They have shared freely; they have given to the poor;

People: Their goodness endures forever.

*HYMN

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH # 57
Verse 1-4,7

UNISON PRAYER

Send your Spirit to us, in our time of worship O Lord.

By your Spirit reveal to us the ways of righteousness and goodness so that we may serve you in ways that are pleasing to you.

By your Spirit reveal to us the needs in the world around us that you would have us see and address.

By your Spirit reveal to us the gifts that we have received from you and the gifts you have given to others.

By your Spirit, makes us one with each other and one with you through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:1-11

The prophet Isaiah tries to explain how God wants us to live.

STORY TIME

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

In this reading, Paul reminds us that the most important part of our faith is having the Spirit of God within us.

CHOIR ANTHEM **“This Little Light of Mine”**

Traditional Spiritual; Howard Helvey, arr.
The Church on the Cape Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:13-20

As the Sermon on the Mount continues, Jesus tells us we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

MESSAGE “A demonstration of the Spirit”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #88

OFFERTORY MUSIC **“My Jesus, I Love Thee”**

Tom Birchwood, arr.

PRAYER OF THANKGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN **“Bring Forth the Kingdom”** TFWS #2190

BLESSING

POSTLUDE **“Chaconne in G Minor”**

Louis Couperin

PARISH NOTES

February Newsletter

The February Newsletter is available on our website. If you would like a paper copy please call the office.

From the Cargo Shop

The Cargo Shop will reopen on February 10 at 2:00 pm. The Shop is open from 2-4 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10am-12pm on Saturdays.

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday Worship will be on February 18, at 7:00 pm.

New Member Recognition Sunday

During worship on March 8, we will be receiving and recognizing new members of the church. If you would like to be part of the group who are joining the church, please speak to Rev. Smith soon!

Entering the Building

We will not be using the sanctuary door to enter the building. For the rest of the winter, please enter through the lobby door.

Storm Closing Reminder

If the church is closed due to inclement weather, please tune in to NewsCenter Maine or on the web go to [https://
www.newscentermaine.com/](https://www.newscentermaine.com/)

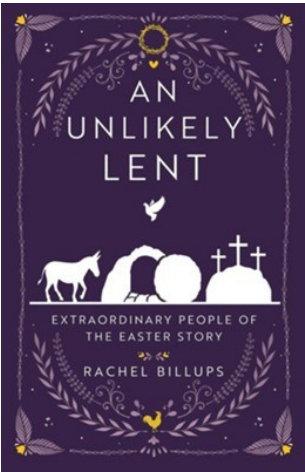
Church Council Meeting Canceled

Please note Church Council meeting for February 16th, has been canceled.

Perfume and Cologne Reminder

As a courtesy to others with respiratory and allergy sensitivities, please refrain from wearing fragrances to worship and while attending activities here at the church. Thank you.

Bible Study for Lent



Our group will read and discuss **"An Unlikely Lent"** by Rachel Billups. This study introduces us to the overlooked characters in the Passion narrative, from Mary of Bethany to the servant girl, Barabbas, and Simon of Cyrene. Billups helps us see how these unlikely voices reveal God's surprising grace. If there is enough interest we will offer the same times we did during Advent: Tuesdays 12-1 p.m. and Thursdays 6-7 p.m. The first date of Study is Feb. 24. The book will cost \$18. For those who have signed up already, the books are in the office. Please see Greg or Jen in the office.

LECTIONARY

FEB 15 | Transfiguration Sunday (White or Gold)

- Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalm 2 (UMH 739) or Ps 99 (UMH 819)
- 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Matthew 17:1-9

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Judy Cadieux	Patty Hutchins	Marybeth Munroe
Julie Chase	Bethany Hessel	Mary Parker
Fran Celnar	Micki Kinney	Desmond Parker
Mary Heather Cookson	Lesla Kraft Angelos	Luverne Preble
Micke Cooper	Brett LaCour	Steve Russell
Risha Deary	Nicholas LaCour	Nancy Russo
Beth Dudley	Janet Lennon	Lettie Samuel
Henry & Diane Dynia	Charity Perry Liutai	Eric Schoener
Jean Earley	Chloe McLaughlin	Jane Smith
Sally Ewton	Jean Moulton	Chuck Wildes



February Birthdays

February 2	Pat Linscott
February 5	Gwen Purushotham
February 8	Jacksen Phillips
February 10	Bobby MacIver
February 11	Gary Schoener
February 12	Elissa Boulter
February 14	Kaitlyn Schoener
February 20	Diane Connelly
February 24	Linda Brock
February 25	Barbara Fuller
February 26	Nikki Evans

If you would like to add someone to our birthday announcements,
please let the office know. 207-967-5787

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

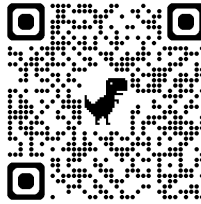
Sun., Feb. 8	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Mon., Feb 9	10:00 am	Chimes
Tue., Feb 10	10:30 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
Wed., Feb 11	8:30 am	Evangelism Outreach
	1:00 pm	Missions Outreach
	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Trustees
Thu., Feb 12	9:30 am	Ministry of Caring
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	3:00 pm	Worship Committee
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., Feb 14	10 am– 12 pm	Cargo Shop Open

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., Feb. 15	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Mon., Feb 16	10:00 am	Chimes
Tue., Feb. 17	10:30 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
Wed., Feb. 18	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
	4:30 pm	Bon Appetit
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thu., Feb. 19	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., Feb. 21	10am-12pm	Cargo Shop Open



Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Join us from wherever you call home:

If you like what you see here, we post our worship, music, children's messages and sermons online - you can find them via our website :

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